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15 May 1958

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Resume of OCB Luncheon Meeting, 7 May 1958

PRESENT: Mr. Allen, Mr. Cutler, Mr. Dulles, Mr. Gray,
Mr. Harr, Mr. Herter, Mr. Quarles, Mr. Scribner,
Mr. Smith, Mr. Staats

1. Briefing on Submarine Activity

Mr. Dulles said that he proposed to include in the next day's intelligence briefing of the National Security Council a summary of various reports on alien submarine activity off our coasts. He asked Mr. Quarles if Defense had any objection to his raising this subject at the NSC. Mr. Quarles expressed no objection.

2. Brussels Exposition.

There was a general discussion on the merits of the American exhibit at the Brussels Exposition, vis-a-vis that of the USSR. An opinion was expressed that our exhibit is artistic and attractive while that of the Soviets is stern and overly solid; however the content of our exhibit may be too frivolous. In the latter connection, particular reference was made to the display of women's fashions. A recent article to that effect by Cyrus Sulzberger in the New York Times was cited. It was agreed that it would be worthwhile to have an objective evaluation of the competing exhibits.

3. Military Aircraft for Lebanon

The discussion then turned to the desire of Lebanon to be equipped with up-to-date U. S. military aircraft. It was pointed out that Lebanon

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was not far enough advanced to utilize jet airplanes efficiently. On the other hand, due note was made of the fact that possession of this kind of equipment was important to the national pride of a country like Lebanon. The group did not attempt to reach a definitive conclusion as to what should be done.

4. Control of Outer Space

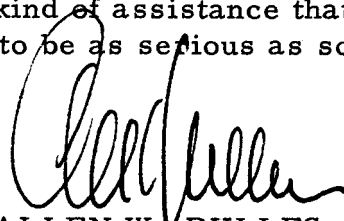
Mr. Harr called attention to the importance of establishing controls and agreements with regard to the exploitation of outer space. A general discussion of this subject ensued.

5. Armed Forces Day

The group agreed that the demonstrations planned in connection with Armed Forces Day should not be overly ostentatious. It was felt that the world situation is such at the moment that a considerable degree of moderation should be exercised so as to avoid unfavorable reaction abroad.

6. Drought and Locust Plague

There was discussion of the significance of the current drought conditions in the Near East and the prospects of a major plague of locusts. There was consideration of the kind of assistance that this country could give if the situation proves to be as serious as some reports indicate.



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